

county court or county court at law, and he may rule or enter orders on and continue, determine, or render judgment on all or any part of the cause or proceeding without the necessity of transferring it to his own docket. However, the judge of either court may not sit or act in any cause or proceeding unless it is within the jurisdiction of his court. Each judgment and order shall be entered in the minutes of the court in which the matter is pending.

Sec. 7. (a) The jurisdiction and authority now vested by law in the county clerk and the county judge of Comal County for the drawing, selection, and service of jurors and talesmen shall also be exercised by the county court at law and its judge.

(b) Jurors regularly impaneled for a week by the district court or courts may, on request of either the county judge or the judge of the county court at law, be made available and shall serve for the week in either the county court or county court at law.

Sec. 8. This Act shall take effect July 15, 1977.

Sec. 9. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force according to its provisions, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 10, 1977: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 4 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 926 on May 5, 1977: Yeas 113, Nays 0, 13 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on April 6, 1977: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 11, 1977.

Effective July 15, 1977.

EXECUTION METHOD OF CONVICTS SENTENCED TO DEATH

CHAPTER 138

H. B. No. 945

An Act relating to the method of execution of convicts sentenced to death; amending Articles 43.14 and 43.18 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Amend² Article 43.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, to read as follows:

"Art. 43.14. Execution of convict

"Whenever the sentence of death is pronounced against a convict, the sentence shall be executed at any time before the hour of sunrise on the day set for the execution not less than thirty days from the day of sentence, as the court may adjudge, by intravenous injection of a substance or

2. Vernon's Ann.C.C.P. art. 43.14.

substances in a lethal quantity sufficient to cause death and until such convict is dead, such execution procedure to be determined and supervised by the Director of the Department of Corrections."

Sec. 2. Amend³ Article 43.18, Code of Criminal Procedure, 1965, as amended, to read as follows:

"Art. 43.18. Executioner

"The Director of the Texas Department of Corrections shall designate an executioner to carry out the death penalty provided by law."

Sec. 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 21, 1977: Yeas 90, Nays 37, 19 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 4, 1977, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved May 11, 1977.

Effective Aug. 29, 1977, 90 days after date of adjournment.

MOBILE HOMES STANDARDS ACT—REVISION

CHAPTER 139

S. B. No. 305

An Act amending the Texas Mobile Homes Standards Act, Chapter 656, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, as last amended by Chapter 674, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 5221f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Texas Mobile Homes Standards Act, Chapter 656, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969, as last amended by Chapter 674, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 5221f, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended⁴ to read as follows:

Short title

"Section 1. This Act may be cited as the Texas Mobile Homes Standards Act.

Purpose

"Sec. 2. It is the legislature's intent to improve the general welfare and safety of the citizens of this state. The legislature finds that mobile homes have become a primary housing resource of many of the citizens of the state; that a growing awareness exists that many consumers are injured by unprincipled and dishonest members of the mobile home industry, that current warranties are deficient, that existing means of remedying these injustices are inadequate and do not provide a viable means for pro-

3. Vernon's Ann.C.C.P. art. 43.18.

4. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 5221f.